

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-20, 22-26, 28-35 and 37 are pending in this application and contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9, 11-12, 15-16, 18-19, 23, 28, 30-31, 34 and 35 are amended for clarity.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication that all claims contain allowable subject matter.

The Office Action objects to claims 1, 3-9, 11-20, 22-26, 28-35 and 37 because of informalities. It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments obviate the grounds for objection. Further, these claim amendments are merely for clarity and are not related to issues of patentability. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3-9, 11-20, 22-26, 28-35 and 37 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this,

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